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HILL-MURRAY SCHOOL NAMES MELISSA DAN PRESIDENT-ELECT

Maplewood, Minn. (May 13, 2020) – The Hill-Murray Board of Trustees announced today that Melissa Dan has been named President-Elect. Dan will collaborate with President Jim Hansen to ensure a positive and healthy transition and will take on full responsibilities in June of 2021.

Dan comes to Hill-Murray from School of the Holy Child in Rye, N.Y. where she served as head of school. She is an experienced and visionary Catholic educator who is returning to Minnesota after gaining extensive experience in New York, Chicago and St. Paul, Minn. She has a strong academic background and is committed to life-long learning and improving school communities.

“It is truly an honor to have been chosen as the President-Elect of Hill-Murray School,” said Dan. “This is a position I have been training for my whole career. I am so grateful for this opportunity and look forward to building on the existing legacy and traditions of Hill-Murray for years to come.”

The hiring of Dan comes after a rigorous search process by a specially formed President Search Committee made up of members of the Board of Trustees, Foundation Board and community constituents. After a thorough round of interviews involving multiple members of the staff, administration and students, the committee and board unanimously approved Dan as President-Elect.

“We couldn’t be happier to bring Melissa on board,” said Tim Yocum, chairman of the Hill-Murray Board of Trustees. “Melissa’s commitment to academic excellence, innovation in learning, and record of success made her the ideal choice as our next President of Hill-Murray. She embraces our commitment to every student being Known, Loved, and Respected and will continue to build on our engagement with alumni, families, and the entire community.”

Dan grew up in the Twin Cities and earned her Bachelor of Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She went on to gain her Master of Education in teaching from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and her Education Specialist K-12 Leadership and Administration prior to a fellowship at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich and leadership courses at Harvard Graduate School of Education. She is looking forward to returning to the Twin Cities where she and her husband grew up and where their parents still reside.

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About Hill- Murray High School

Hill-Murray is a Catholic 6-12 school, located in Maplewood, Minn., that is rooted in the Benedictine and Lasallian tradition of education and is committed to developing creative and responsible Christian leaders for the future.

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